

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of separating antibodies from one or more contaminants in a solution, ~~which method comprises~~ comprising contacting the solution with a chromatography resin comprised of a support to which multi-modal ligands have been immobilised, wherein a multi-modal ligand comprises at least one cation-exchanging group and at least one aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system, to adsorb antibodies and/or contaminants to the resin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~A method according to~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the ring-forming atoms of the aromatic or hereoaromatic entity are selected ~~among~~ from the group consisting of C, S or O.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~A method according to claim 1 or 2,~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the cation-exchanging group is a weak cation exchanger.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~A method according to any one of the preceding claims,~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the solution applied to the multi-modal chromatography resin is an antibody-containing eluate from an affinity chromatography resin, and preferably a resin the ligands of which comprise Protein A.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~A method according to~~ The method of claim 4, wherein the contaminants comprise complexes formed between released affinity ligands and antibodies, and/or aggregates of released affinity ligands and/or antibodies.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~A method according to any one of the preceding claims,~~
The method of claim 1, wherein the contaminants are adsorbed to the multi-modal chromatography resin.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~A method according to any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~which comprises~~ The method of claim 1, further comprising eluting antibodies and/or contaminants from the chromatography resin.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~A method according to any one of the preceding claims,~~
The method of claim 1, wherein the antibodies are monoclonal antibodies.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A kit for purification of antibodies, ~~which kit comprises~~
comprising a multi-modal chromatography resin; at least two different buffers; and written instructions that describe how to separate antibodies from complexes formed between Protein A and antibodies, and/or aggregates of Protein A or antibodies, wherein a multi-modal ligand comprises at least one cation-exchanging group and at least one aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~A kit according to~~ The kit of claim 9, wherein the ring-forming atoms of the aromatic or hereoaromatic entity are selected ~~among from~~
the group consisting of C, S or O.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A system for the purification of antibodies from a liquid, ~~which system comprises~~ comprising a first chromatography column packed with a resin the ligands of which comprise Protein A or Protein G; a second

chromatography column packed with a multi-modal chromatography resin comprising at least one cation-exchanging group and at least one aromatic or heteroaromatic ring system; means for adding sample and elution buffer to the first column; means for adding eluent originating from the first column to the second column; pumping means; and valving.

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~A system according to~~ The system of claim 11, which is automated.